(c) All service matter are governed by well ormulated ITDC rules which are reviewed id amended from time to time depending pon the necessity.

(d) and (e) All legal matters including court ases are dealt with in accordance with power elegated by the Board to Chairman & Manag ig Director and other competent authorities.

'Nigrani Karmchariyon Ko Farz Nibhane Per Bhi Sazza Di Gayi"

2555. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared n Hindi daily "Nav Bharat Times" of 2nd November, 1994 captioned "Nigrani Karmhariyon Ko Farz Nibhane Per Bhi Sazzaa Di Gayi";

(b) if so, whether Government have since ordered investigation into the various irregularities mentioned therein;

(c) what are the recommendations of Central Bureau of Investigation/Central Vigilance Commission and whether any responsibility has been fixed on the concerned India Tourism Development Corporation officials for appropriate action; and

(d) if not, reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The matter has been examined and the position on various issues raised in the subject press report is as follows :

(i) Separation of vigilance and security cadres : The matter is under examination.

(ii) Pilferage of liquor bottles- -The concerned officer has been suspended and disciplinary action has been initiated against him. The case has been registered with the Police also.

(iii) Sale of liquor without insisting on production of passport/airline tickets —The matter was investigated and appropriate action was taken against the concerned official for procedural lapses.

(iv) The liquor was allegedly spurious:— The sample test of the particular liquor was found satisfactory as per the test report.

(v) Non-payment of balance money at the duty free shops—The matter was investigated and the erring staff paid the balance money to the passenger. Further, when disciplinary proceedings were to be initiated against the erring employee, the said passenger personally called to say that he had no grievance and that no action should be taken against the employee as the complainant was in a hurry to depart.

(vi) Irregularities in conducting the LTC tour—A private tour operator who was empanelled with ITDC for conducting LTC tour was caught by the CBI for offering bribe and CBI registered a case against him on 2nd September, 1994. ITDC has stopped giving further business to the said tour operator and he is no longer on the panel of ITDC.

(vii) Misuse of official position by the CMD of TDC in regard to allotment of a room in Ashok Hotel to a NRI— The matter was investigated and the CVC confirmed that no malafide intentions can be attributed and it was a case of procedural lapses only. CVC desired that an administrative cautionary memo should be issued to the CMD. Accordingly, an administrative cautionary memo was issued to him.

Demands of engineers of Indian Airlines

2556. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Airlines is faced with a major crisis with nine out of IA's ten prestigious airbus A-300s grounded following indifferent attitude of the engineers

(b) if so, what are the demands of the engineers and since when it is pending; and

(c) what is the Government's reaction to their demands ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The engineers of Indian Airlines want an increase in their emoluments, consequent to the higher emoluments being paid by the private operators. The management of Indian Airlines and the All India Aircraft Engineers' Association are in the process of negotiating a productivity linked settlement. In addition, the issue of wage settlement since 1-9-90, in respect of all employees (including engineers) of Indian Airlines is pending before the National Industrial Tribunal, which inter alia, includes the question of parity of emoluments between Indian Airlines and Air India employees and the inter-se relativity of emoluments among the different categories of Indian Airlines employees.

Pay Scales in ITDC

2557. SHRI GAYA SINGH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that the Management of ITDC is giving higher pay scale to its General Managers, Vice Presidents and Sr. Vice-Presidents than ordered by the Supreme Court vide its Order dated 3rd May, 1990; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to ensure proper execution of the Supreme Court Order from the date of Judgement in ITDC ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) ITDC has adopted revised scales of pay for the posts of Vice-Presidents and General Managers in accordance with the provisions of Department of Public Enterprises, Govt. of India notification on the subject by correcting the anomalies in allotment of pay scales with the approval of the Govt. There is no change in the pay scales for the post of Sr. Vice-President.

(b) There has been no violation of Supreme Court orders/Government directives.

Mismanagement in ITDC

2558. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI . Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the reaction and comments of the ITDC Management on the Press reports regarding alleged LTC Scandal as appeared recently in the news papers, weekly, magazines etc. giving adverse publicity to ITDC and the factual position thereof;

(b) what procedure is being followed by ITDC Management for running the LTC Tours and the methods employed for checking the genuineness of such tours;

(c) whether the LTC Tours are conducted by ITDC Management in their own buses or hired by them from private agencies/persons;

(d) the quantum of business so generated by ITDC through their own buses *vis-a-vis* that of hired by them from outside for the last four years unit/station-wise; and

(e) the reasons and justification for not utilizing the allocated budget for increasing ITDC's own fleet of buses for conducting LTC Tours in the country and also increasing the strength of cars to serve the tourists at different stations/units ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) It is unfortunate that an adverse publicity of ITDC has appeared in a section of the press due to functioning of an empanelled private tour operator who was caught by CBI for offering bribe and CBI registered a case against him on 2-9-94. ITDC has stopped giving further business to the said tour operator and he is no longer on the panel of ITDC.

(b) Prior to the departure of coach conducting LTC tour, passengers are physically verified by an official of Vigilance and security department as per way bill/duty slips. On conclusion of the journey, relevant documents including tax slips, certificates obtained from ITDC enroute establishments are verified before issuance of tour certificate.

(c) LTC tours being arranged by ITDC are conducted mostly on 50 seater non-AC coaches hired from empanell private transporters.

(d) Requisite information is given in Statement (*See* below).

(e) There was no specific plan allocation for increasing ITDC fleet of buses for conducting LTC tours. However, plan allocation made during 1993-94 for importing tourist cars/coaches could not be utilised pending Government decision on import of cars and coaches at reduced custom duty of 50% on the CIF value.